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(Information from Bureau of Home Economics, USDA) RULES FOR COOKING

- 1. Have food ready when oven is right temperature.
- 2. Place pans in alternate positions on oven racks for best circulation of heat and least waste of energy.
- 3. When oven is hot, use it for as many cooking operations as possible. Preheating for short baking is expensive.
- 4. Use time and temperature chart; open oven door as little as possible.
- 5. Don't use oven to heat kitchen unless absolutely necessary.
- 6. Use flat-bottomed pans about same size as cooking unit. Pans that do not cover heating unit waste heat; ones that

- extend too far beyond heating unit may crack enamel on stove.
- 7. Cook vegetables in smallest amount of water; $\frac{1}{4}$ inch of water is usually sufficient. Saves energy and food values.
- 8. Use pans with tightly fitted covers to conserve heat.
- 9. Heat only as much water in teakettle as you need.
- 10. Save energy by heating water in utensil in which it is to be used, covering it while heating.
- 11. Remove sediment that forms in teakettle.
- 12. In areas where power for war production needs are great and electric generating capacity limited, do as much cooking as possible during non-peak-hour-load hours. Peak loads: 5:00 to 6:00 PM when lights go on in homes, offices, factories dinner preparations begin people homeward bound pack trolleys and other transportation systems. CT-71 CONSUMERS' COUNSEL DIVISION, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C.